



# BIOGRAPHY



## UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

### LIEUTENANT COLONEL ROBERT A. SHELTON

Lieutenant Colonel Robert A. Shelton is the commander of the 99th Air Refueling Squadron in Birmingham, AL. As an Active Associate commander, he provides leadership and direction for over 130 military professionals. His span of control encompasses maintenance, support, and operations specialties supporting Air Mobility Command and the 117th Air Refueling Wing's mission of performing global air refueling, airlift and aeromedical evacuation in direct support of the Air Force's Global Reach, Global Power missions.

Colonel Shelton entered the Air Force in 1996 as a graduate of the ROTC program at Virginia Tech. He has served in a variety of positions at wing and major command levels, to include participation in the AMC Commander's PHOENIX HAWK leadership development program. He also has extensive operational flying experience, including multiple deployments in support of Operations ALLIED FORCE, ENDURING FREEDOM, and IRAQI FREEDOM. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Operations Officer, 911th Air Refueling Squadron, Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, North Carolina. Colonel Shelton is a senior pilot with over 2500 hours in T-37, T-1, C-5, and KC-135 aircraft.



#### EDUCATION

1996 Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science, Virginia Tech, VA  
2002 Squadron Officer School, Maxwell AFB, AL  
2004 Master of Management/Aviation Safety, Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, FL  
2007 Air Command & Staff College, by correspondence  
2009 United States Army Command & General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth, KS  
2012 Air War College, by correspondence

#### ASSIGNMENTS

May 96 - Dec 96 Special Assistant to the Commander, AFROTC Det. 875, Blacksburg, VA  
Dec 96 - May 98 Student, Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training, Columbus AFB, MS  
May 98 - Jan 02 KC-135R/T Pilot, Mobility Officer/Flight Safety Officer, 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, ND  
Jan 02 - Jun 02 KC-135R/T Instructor Aircraft Commander, Squadron Executive Officer, 912th Air Refueling Squadron, Grand Forks AFB, ND  
Jun 02 - May 03 Executive Officer, KC-135 Instructor Aircraft Commander, 319th Operations Group, Grand Forks AFB, ND

May 03 - Jun 04	Chief, Special Assignment Airlift Planning Branch, Tanker Airlift Control Center, Scott AFB, IL (AMC PHOENIX HAWK)
Jun 04 - Oct 05	Chief, KC-135 Requirements, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Plans and Programs, Scott AFB, IL (AMC PHOENIX HAWK)
Oct 05 - Aug 06	C-5A/B Pilot, Flight Commander, 9th Airlift Squadron, Dover AFB, DE
Aug 06 - Oct 07	C-5A/B Aircraft Commander, Chief Pilot/Deputy Chief, Wing Plans & Programs, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, DE
Oct 07 - Jun 08	Chief, Wing Plans & Programs, C-5A/B Instructor Aircraft Commander, 436th Airlift Wing, Dover AFB, DE
Jun 08 - Jun 09	Student, US Army Command & General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, KS
Jun 09 - Mar 11	Chief, Global Command & Control Branch, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Operations, Scott AFB, IL
Mar 11 - Jul 12	AMC/A3 Strategy and Integration Officer, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Directorate of Operations, Scott AFB, IL
Aug 12 - Jun 13	Operations Officer, 911th Air Refueling Squadron, 916th Air Refueling Wing, Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

#### **MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS**

Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters  
 Air Medal with 3 oak leaf clusters  
 Aerial Achievement Medal  
 Air Force Achievement Medal with one oak leaf cluster

#### **EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION**

Second Lieutenant	May 11, 1996
First Lieutenant	May 29, 1998
Captain	May 29, 2000
Major	April 1, 2006
Lieutenant Colonel	May 1, 2011

(Current as of September 2013)